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25X1 1. A military air base, [] is based at the Prague-Kbely airfield. The military garrison at the base consists of between 800 and 900 men and from 70 to 80 officers. About 80 percent of the soldiers are anti-Communist. The officers who served during World War II with the Czech Army of the West have been dismissed from the Air Force and replaced by Communist subordinates. Every spring two meteorological courses, each attended by about 100 men, are given at the field. The field has two parallel runways, each about 1,100 m long and 60 m wide and about 100 m apart. Planes based at Prague-Kbely airfield include the following:

Junkers 52
Mosquito
Me 109
Griffire
Buecker 104
Buecker 106
Pittner Cub
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2. Officer personnel at the air base include the following:
 - a. Air Base CO
Lt. Colonel Sklenar, about 50 years old, of medium build, stout, with brown hair; a convinced Communist. He was graduated from the War College. He is also Commander of the Air Transport Regiment based at Kbely.
 - b. Deputy CO
Lt. Colonel Jokl, about 50 years old, tall, well built, bald. He is an OZ officer and is chief of the Operations Room.
 - c. Second Deputy CO
Major Fric, about 36 years old, tall, slim; a convinced Communist. He is a graduate of the Enlightenment Officer's Course, and is an OZ officer.*

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- d. OZ Officer Major Ausprunk, about 40 years old, of medium build, stout, bald, a convinced Communist.
- e. Enlightenment Officer Staff Captain Triska, about 35 years old, of medium build, slim, with brown hair, a Communist.
- f. Deputy Enlightenment Officer Captain Peroutka, about 50 years old, short, stout, with gray hair, a convinced Communist.
- g. CO of the Technical and Auxiliary Squadron Major Koroak, a non-Communist and former member of the National Socialist Party.
- h. CO of the Signal Squadron and Physical Training Officer Staff Captain Frazl, a non-Communist and former member of the RAF.
- i. CO of the Training Squadron Captain Vlask, a convinced Communist.
- j. CO of the Meteorological School Staff Captain Vaclav Sejma, a non-Communist.
- k. Deputy CO of the Meteorological School Captain Jaroslav Tonan, a moderate Communist.
- l. CO of the Meteorological Station Captain Janhuba, a moderate Communist.
- m. Deputy CO of the Meteorological Station Staff Captain Vacly Litek, a non-Communist, and former member of the National Socialist Party.**
- n. CO of the Base Work Platoon 1st Lt. Zaluzansky, a Communist.
- o. Deputy Chief of the Operations Room 1st Lt. Prackova, a convinced Communist.
- p. CO of Air Base Depot Colonel Horacek, a moderate Communist and former member of the National Socialist Party. He is about 55 years old, short, stout, and wears glasses.
- q. Deputy CO of Depot Captain Zak, a convinced Communist.
- r. Chief of the Ammunition Dump Captain Valigora, a moderate Communist.
- s. Chief of Supply Warehouse 1st Lt. Dolezal, a Communist.
- t. Chief of Photographic Supplies Lt. Vana, a Communist.
- u. Transportation Officer Captain Sjem, a moderate Communist.
- v. Chief of Airplane Stores Lt. Manzalek, a Communist.
- w. Liquidation Officer Captain Zink, a non-Communist.
- x. OZ Officer of the Depot Captain Tatar, a candidate for membership in the Communist Party.

3. The airfield is guarded by one officer and 42 men with a reserve unit of one officer and 15 men. The barracks area is guarded by one officer and ten men with a reserve unit of one officer and six men. The guards are armed with submachine guns; the reserve units are equipped with two heavy trucks and two motorcycles. There is a guard armed with a machine gun in the control tower. Near each guard post is an alarm bell. On the hangar are searchlights which are used to illuminate the area of the airfield every 20 minutes during the night. The barracks and depot area are surrounded by a barbed wire fence 2m high.

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